



APRIL 2023

Notable Quotes: "A lie can travel halfway around the world while the truth is still putting on its shoes."
- Jonathan Swift, written in 1710.

District Governor's Message



DG Rod Leathers

Hello District Lions,

I am excited that convention time is here. We are working hard to make it fun and informative. It doesn't matter if you are a new Lion or an old - I mean experienced - Lion. There will be something there for everyone. It will be a weekend of fun getting to know what Lions around our District are doing. The Friday night mixer will have a barber shop theme. With a little more help you can ensure that your District Governor

will be cleaned up for the convention by donating to his LCIF shave fundraiser.

Check out our district website at lionsdistrict11e2.org on how to donate on facebook or you can send a check made out to LCIF or District 11-E2 and mail it to Barb Durflinger 14946 Royston Road, Hillman, Mi 49746. You can also bring your donation with you to the mixer. Our/Your Foundation can really use our help. I said I would shave my hair and beard for \$10,000. We are just under \$4,000. With your help that will happen at the Friday Night Mixer. My sincere thanks to all the clubs and individuals who have already donated.

Check out the district website for all the information on the convention. Our goal is to have something there for everyone and share our ideas with Lions from all around our district. Hopefully make some new friends that will last a lifetime and take home some new ideas that will put some new enthusiasm into our clubs.

Let's make this the best convention yet. April the 21st - the 23rd - come to some or all of it you won't be disappointed. Remember the words of our International President "Together We Can".

Looking forward to seeing everyone there.

DG Rod

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lionsdistrict11e2.org

Note: This information is up to date at the time of this publication, but is subject to change as adjustments are needed.

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Lions Of Michigan Multiple District 11-E2 Counties

Alcona, Alpena, Antrim, Arenac, Charlevoix, Cheboygan, Crawford, Emmet, Gladwin, Iosco, Kalkaska, Montmorency, Ogemaw, Oscoda, Otsego, Presque Isle, Roscommon



ZONE 1	CLUBS	ZONE 3	CLUBS
ZC Dennis Gocha East Jordan Lions dennygocha@gmail.com	Boyne Valley, Charlevoix, Cheboygan, east Jordan, Indian River, Mackinaw City, Petoskey	ZC Janice Kane Alpena lions Club	Alpena, Alpena Evening, Atlanta, Glennie, Hillman, Hubbard Lake, Mio
ZONE 2	CLUBS	ZONE 4	CLUBS
ZC Marie Leathers Central Lake Lions Club marie@centrallakerealty.com	Central Lake, Elk Rapids, Grayling, Houghton Lake, Lewiston/Lewiston Lioness Lions, Roscommon-Higgins Lake	ZC VACANT	Beaverton, Hale, Harrisville, Lincoln, Oscoda, Prescott-Skidway Lake, Rose City

**VDG Steven Murch**

Vice District Governor's Message

Greetings fellow Lions. We're down to the final three months of the Lions year, can you believe it?

Stop me if you've heard these before (yes, I realize you can't actually stop me – it's a saying): We Serve, Kindness Matters, Have Fun. OK that was easy, hopefully you've heard them all. We Serve and Kindness Matter are two slogans Lions use all the time. If you haven't heard Have Fun then you haven't read my monthly message before.

Having fun is a key component, I believe, to a successful Lions Club. No one volunteers to be part of something that isn't fun or rewarding. That's right – "volunteers to be part of something."

We are all volunteers. We do what we do as Lions because we care about our communities. We don't receive financial compensation for our time, and no Lion expects or wants that – hence, We Serve.

Being a Lion means helping our community and trying to make life better for those who can't do it themselves – Kindness Matters. Sensing a theme?

So of course we're going to address Have Fun.

First, why would we do something as a volunteer that is drudgery? Why would we get involved with something that feels like work? If that was the case, then just find more work to do.

Not all service or fundraising is fun and it can feel like a chore sometimes. But it's the outcome that makes it worth it. We know that if we do a service project or make a donation to a state project like Leader Dog or Lions of Michigan Foundation that someone is going to benefit from our work.

But we still need to have fun doing it. The camaraderie derived from the common goal of service should generate fun; not necessarily laugh-out-loud fun, but a sense of fun nonetheless.

In our never-ending search for people to join us and help us fulfill our mission, we need to make sure we appeal to those potential new members. And if we aren't having some fun, then why would those potential new members ever consider joining us on our mission to serve our community?

On top of that, if we look like we enjoy doing what we do while fundraising or performing service in the public, then we have more appeal to those who might donate to our fundraisers. Or, we might appeal to those who don't necessarily want to join us but would be willing to help us on a service project or two. Guess what, those people have one foot in the door and might wind up joining us in the future as club members. There's a plot twist you might not have thought about.

While there is a lot more about having fun that can positively affect your club, you can see having fun if a key component to a successful club. Try it with a smile, the effects might be contagious.

I hope to see you at the district convention later this month, where we should have some fun.

As always, Thanks for All You Do.



Lions Clubs International

President's Message

GENERATIONS OF SERVICE MAKE US STRONGER



Hello, Lions!

It's amazing but not at all surprising to me when I meet a Lion who has served for five or six decades. Lions are the most dedicated people I've ever known. We live to serve, and we know our actions have real impact.

But if we are to make a *lasting* impact, we must continue to bring new generations of Lions into the fold. Young people have skills and life experiences that can strengthen what we do and how we go about doing it. When experienced Lions welcome a new generation of members clubs are strengthened, their service is enhanced, and they are more likely to succeed well into the future.

And that's what this is all about, after all—ensuring the work we do, the kindness we sow, and the lives we change, go on.

Make a great day,

Brian E. Sheehan

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International President, Lions Clubs International



We Serve



Dear Club Officer,

This year, the 105th Lions Clubs International Convention is in Boston, Massachusetts. We look forward to seeing all voting delegates cast their votes for executive officers and international directors.

According to our records, your club does not have a delegate assigned to vote during LCICon 2023. In order to vote, club delegates must:

1. Be assigned as a voting delegate by their club secretary or other duly authorized officer in MyLCI.
2. Be registered for LCICon 2023. [Register for the convention here](#).
3. Have a unique email address. Use the same email as registering for LCICon 2023.
4. Provide their member identification number when registering for the convention.

All delegates must be assigned before July 5, 2023 at 23:59 U.S. Central Daylight Time. You may assign a delegate in MyLCI until the July 5 deadline. If you are assigning a delegate with your local system or through your Council Office, please check with your council chairperson for their submission deadlines, as it will likely be before July 5, 2023.

For more information visit:

[LCICon Voting and Frequently Asked Questions](#)

If you think you have received this email in error, please contact MemberServiceCenter@lionsclubs.org and include your club number.

Thank you for your service and your leadership!

This email was sent to Club Presidents and Club Secretaries.



Tornado destroys communities in Mississippi, USA

LCIF grant funding will empower Lions to help storm victims recover.

[LIONSCLUBS.ORG/DONATE](https://lionsclubs.org/donate)

On the evening of Friday, March 24, strong storms and a tornado hit southeastern sections of the USA, leveling communities in Mississippi. So far, 26 people have been killed as a result of the storm and dozens more have been injured. The mayor of Rolling Fork, Mississippi reported their entire town was destroyed after enduring sustained winds of 170 miles per hour.

When a natural disaster strikes, we, as Lions, are ready to help. Right beside us is Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF), our global foundation. LCIF is mobilizing funds, including a US\$50,000 Major Catastrophe grant and a US\$10,000 Emergency grant to empower Lions in District 30-M, Mississippi to help their communities recover.

Your donations make a difference when communities are impacted by natural disasters.

[HELP NOW](#)

Your generous donation to LCIF's Disaster Relief Fund, specifically reserved for all disaster relief, helps Lions continue to serve!

To learn more about LCIF Disaster Relief grants, visit lionsclubs.org/disastergrants or email LCIFGlobalGrants@lionsclubs.org.

**100% of donations benefit grants and programs and qualify for Melvin Jones Fellowship (MJF) or Progressive MJF.*

This email was sent to all Lions worldwide.





2023 MD 11 Lions Convention
TOGETHER WE CAN...BE EXTRAORDINARY!
May 18-20, 2023 VanDyk Mortgage Center, Muskegon, MI
Call for reservations today: 1-8333-999-0181 Code LIO

Name _____ ☐ Lion ☐ Leo ☐ Spouse ☐ Guest

Club Name _____ District _____

Name _____ ☐ Lion ☐ Leo ☐ Spouse ☐ Guest

Address _____ City/State/Zip _____

Phone #: _____ Email: _____

Is this your first MD Convention? ☐ Yes ☐ No **How many years a Lion member?**

QUANTITY**AMOUNT**

_____ Thursday Picnic @ \$15.00, May 18, 2023	\$ _____
_____ Registration @ \$15.00 for each Lion/Leo	\$ _____
_____ Registration @ \$15.00 for each Spouse/Guest	\$ _____
_____ Friday Evening Buffet @ \$25.00 per person	\$ _____
_____ Saturday Breakfast @ \$16.00 per person	\$ _____
_____ Saturday Night Banquet @ \$35.00 per person	\$ _____

Entrée Choice: Braised Short Ribs _____ Citrus Glazed Salmon _____

Gluten Free _____ Vegetarian _____ **Total: \$ _____**

Please Note any special needs (i.e., deaf interpreters, dietary restrictions, food allergies, etc.)

Everyone **MUST** pay the registration fee. No meal tickets may be purchased unless registration fee is paid. Deadline for pre-registration and purchase of tickets is **May 5, 2023**. No refunds after May 5, 2023. Tickets and registration packets will be distributed at the Lions Registration Desk at the Delta Marriott, Muskegon. They will not be mailed to you. The registration desk will be open Thursday at 5:00; Friday, 8:00 a.m. -5:30 p.m. and Saturday 8:00 a.m. until 1:30 p.m. Saturday Banquet tickets may be picked up Saturday evening at the Ballroom entrance.

Mail to: Lions of Michigan, 5730 Executive Dr., Lansing, MI 48911
or

Register and pay online at: www.lionsofmi.com

TOGETHER WE CAN...BE EXTRAORDINARY!

May 18 – 20, 2023 VanDyk Mortgage Convention Center, Muskegon
Come to learn, network, celebrate and be Extraordinary Lions!

Reservations can be made at the Delta Marriott online at www.lionsofmi.com
Or call 833-999-0181

Thursday, May 18

Convention Kick-off Picnic at USS LST 393. Catering by **Ravenna Lions Club**

Cost: \$15

Sponsor/Host: **Muskegon Northside Lions Club**

Friday, May 19 – Learn and Grow Together at the Convention

9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Council of Governors Meeting

9:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. Exhibitor's Hall Open

9:30 a.m. Breakout Session I: Guided Bird Watching Excursion

Experience the thrill of a guided visit to a popular destination for spring migrating birds to flock to!

1:30 p.m. District Governor-Elect 2023-2024 Meeting Planning

2:00 p.m. Breakout Session II: Becoming an Extraordinary Club Secretary

2:00 p.m. Breakout Session III: Becoming an Extraordinary Club Treasurer

3:00 p.m. Breakout Session IV: Project KidSight Training

3:00 p.m. Breakout Session V: Extraordinary Lions Serving Extraordinary Ukrainians

6:30 p.m. Convention Welcome Reception/ Dinner, Entertainment "Lions Got Talent" Show

Saturday, May 20 – Learn and Grow Together at the Convention

8:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. Exhibitor's Hall Open

8:00 a.m. Awards Breakfast

10:30 a.m. Business Session featuring news from around our state and world.

2:00 p.m. LIONS OF MICHIGAN INNAURGAL PARADE! Downtown Muskegon

3:00 p.m. District 11 C1 Convention

Breakout Sessions-continued

3:30 – 4:30 p.m. Sock Hop Service Project to benefit area shelters.

6:00 p.m. Awards Banquet: Social Hour, Dinner, S.A. Dodge Awards Recipients:
PDG Ronald Coleman, A1 and PDG Connie Shelton, A2

Keynote Address by Immediate Past International President, Douglas Alexander

JOIN US FOR AN EXTRAORDINARY EXPERIENCE IN MUSKEGON!



Lions MP II Convention

Together We Can... Be Extraordinary!

VanDyk Mortgage Convention Center, 460 W Western Ave, Muskegon, MI 49440

LIONS OF MICHIGAN INAUGURAL PARADE
SATURDAY, MAY 20, 2023

Grab your club members, yellow vests, club shirts, banners, old cars, and community floats. Lions are going to roar into Muskegon with a parade like no other!

Take part in this inaugural event with fellow Lions from around the state. Now's the time to bring out your creativity, your humor, your talents, your time to shine and **BE EXTRAORDINARY!**

Pre-Register your club/entry today!!

The Lions of Michigan Inaugural Parade will be held Saturday, May 20th in downtown Muskegon. The parade route will span 5 blocks ending at the VanDyk Mortgage Convention Center. You must pre-register by completing the registration form and sending it to wburns@lionsofmi.com; fax 517-887-6642; or mail to: Lions of MI, 5730 Executive Dr, Lansing 48911. Entries must be received by **May 1**.

 Club Name/District _____
 Contact Person _____
 Contact Phone _____
 Contact Email _____
 How many Club members participating? _____
 Will you have a float or other vehicles? _____
 Size of float or vehicle? _____

**Return form to wburns@lionsofmi.com; fax 517.887.6642 or mail to:
 Lions of MI, 5730 Executive Dr., Lansing 48911**



Golf anywhere, anytime **May 25 - June 15** to raise awareness and charitable support for sight-saving transplants and vision research.

[Learn more & register today](#)

Register by **5 p.m. ET Friday, May 5** to receive your welcome package including instructions, scorecard, golf ball sleeve and exclusive Eversight golf gear.

Sponsorships including golfer registrations are available! Confirm your sponsorships no later than **5 p.m. ET Friday, May 5** for recognition benefits. Sponsorship at the Gift of Sight level covers Eversight's costs to provide a donated cornea for sight-saving surgery, and includes the course fee at an Eversight-featured course.

Not a golfer?

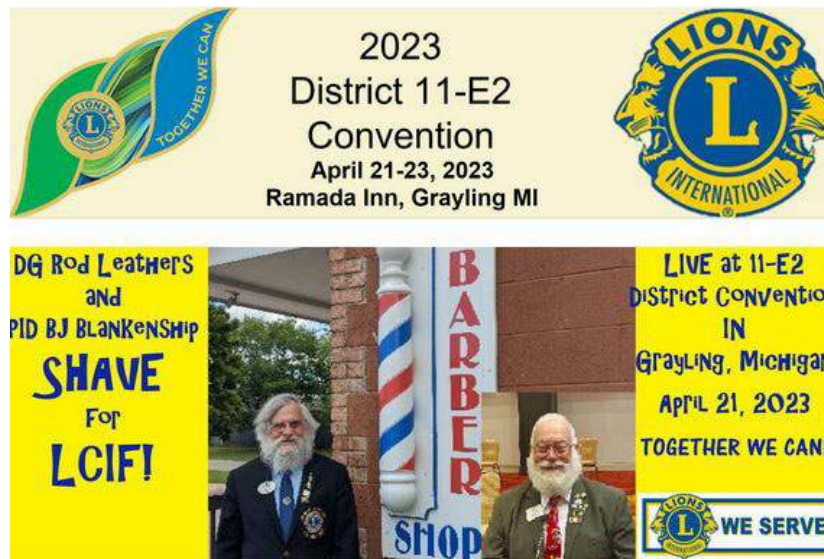
Bid to win during the Golf for Good! Online Silent Auction **June 9–17** to support Eversight charitable programs. Or, support Eversight with your [tax-deductible gift](#).

Join Eversight in person on **Saturday, June 17** at Washtenaw Golf Club to learn tournament winners, participate in a wine pull, and celebrate our Shared Vision awardees!

[Get your tickets today](#)

Thank you for supporting Eversight—and our work to restore sight and prevent blindness through the healing power of donation, transplantation and research.





District 11-E2 Convention April 21-23, 2023

The Convention is a great way to meet Lions just like you and learn what other clubs are doing in our District. Together we can learn new ways to make our own clubs better.

Friday night is a time of fun. We will begin doing a Service Project putting together tool bags for Habitat for Humanity to give to their new home owners throughout our District. There will also be a social time afterwards with a Barbershop theme, music, snacks and a cash bar. The highlight of the evening will be when your District Governor will have his beard, mustache, and hair cut off if we can raise \$10,000 for our Lions Clubs International Foundation.

Saturday will be a day learning with a session for all Lions and guests in addition to club officer training. You will hear from our State Projects and learn ways they can help you serve your community. The luncheon will feature a special message from Lion Carolyn Blankenship. After the District Raffle where you can win great prizes there will be the Saturday night awards banquet with a message from Past International Director BJ Blankenship from Tennessee, followed by the hospitality room to mix and mingle.

Sunday morning we will have a Memorial Service remembering all the great Lions we have lost since our last convention, followed by district elections.

Are you still wondering if the convention is for you? If you're receiving this email then the answer is YES! Even if you can't attend the whole convention consider coming for what you can. It's a great opportunity to learn more about Lions Clubs, meet and do service with other Lions, and celebrate the largest service club in the world! The convention is free to attend - the only costs are for meals and hotel rooms.

Don't delay - register today! March 15 is the deadline for the last drawing for a free meal at the convention! Online registration makes it easy to register. You can go directly to the online registration here or go the the district website lionsdistrict11e2.org for more information. After you submit your online registration you will be directed to an option to pay online or mail in a check for meals that require payment.

If you're staying at the hotel, room reservations can be made directly through the Grayling Ramada Inn at 989-348-7611. The front desk should answer this number but if you get a recording press ZERO to go to the front desk, or just try your call again later. Do not choose the option for reservations as that will take you to the national reservations line. Ask for the Lions' Group Discount. A double room is \$94.00, Queen \$99 and Pool Side \$109 plus taxes and fees. Reservation cut off is April 6, 2023. Breakfast is included with hotel reservation.

We hope to see everyone at the 2023 District Convention!



Convention Itinerary

Day & Time(EDT)	Description	Location
Friday April 21st		
3 – 7 PM	Registration & Certification	Outside Pine Room
4 – 5 PM	Lions District Cabinet Meeting	Birch Room
5 - 7 PM	Dinner - on own	See list of local restaurants
5:30-7:00 PM	V.I.P. Dinner (by Invitation)	Restaurant
7:00– 9:00 PM	District Mixer Service Project Entertainment	Pine/Cedar/Balsam Rooms
Saturday April 22nd		
7 - 9 AM	Breakfast	Restaurant (for hotel guests)
8:30 -11:30 AM, 5:30-6:30 PM	Registration & Certification	Outside Pine Room
9 - 9:55 AM	Training Sessions – President Secretary Treasurer Session for All Lions	Exact Location of each session TBD; rooms to be used: Maple, Balsam, Pine, Cedar
10 – 10:55 AM	Lions District Business Meeting	Birch Room
11 – 11:55 AM	State Project Presentations	Balsam Room
12:30 – 2 PM	Awards Luncheon w/program from PDG Carolyn Blankenship	Pine and Cedar Rooms
2:30- 3:30	Q&A with PID BJ Blankenship	Birch Room
4 – 5 PM	District Raffle	Atrium
Saturday April 22nd Evening		
5:30-6:30 PM	Social Hour	Pine and Cedar Rooms
6:30 – 8:30 PM	District Awards Banquet	Pine and Cedar Rooms
9 PM	Hospitality Room	Birch Room
Sunday April 23rd		
7 – 9 AM	Breakfast	Restaurant (for hotel guests)
9 - 10 AM	Memorial Service	Balsam Room
8 – 10 AM	Registration & Certification	Outside Pine Room
10 AM	Lions District Election Convention Wrap Up Adjournment	Balsam Room



CONVENTION REGISTRATION FORM

Complete one form for each person
OR register online
Registrations are due March 30, 2023

Registration forms and link to online
registration and payment available at
LionsDistrict11E2.org



NOTE: You can complete this form on-line! Use your smartphone camera on this QR code----->

Circle all that apply: Lion Spouse Leo Guest

Club Name: _____

Attendee Name: _____

Name you want on your badge: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: () _____ E-mail _____



Indicate which events you are attending (see itinerary for times and locations):

<input type="checkbox"/>	Friday Evening Mixer - Hors' D'Oeuvres - Entertainment - Service Project	Included
<input type="checkbox"/>	Training (circle one) President Secretary Treasurer Session for all Lions	Included
<input type="checkbox"/>	Business meeting	Included
<input type="checkbox"/>	State project presentations	Included
<input type="checkbox"/>	Saturday Lunch Program - Taco Bar	\$23.00
<input type="checkbox"/>	Special presentation with PID BJ and PDG Carolyn Blankenship	Included
<input type="checkbox"/>	Saturday Awards Banquet - Turkey, Ham and sides	\$40.00
<input type="checkbox"/>	Hospitality room	Included
<input type="checkbox"/>	Sunday Memorial	Included
<input type="checkbox"/>	Elections	Included
<input type="checkbox"/>	REGISTRATION REQUIRED FOR ALL ATTENDEES AND TO VOTE!	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Total:	

Room Reservations (Grayling Ramada Inn)

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MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: Grayling Lions Convention Account

Mail to: Grayling Lions - Registration - 1923 Dansk Lane, Grayling, MI 48654

Enclosed is my check for meals as indicated above \$_____. Note:
One check can be written for two or more registration forms. Please place the check number in the following bracket of each form you are including. (Check#:_____)

Your convention hosts are: The Grayling Lions Club. For information or answers to questions please contact: PDG Bob Gingerich (989)348-5355, bob@danishlanding.com

District 11 E2

Membership Counts

As of February 2022

Clubs should use the information below to determine number of delegates for the 2023 Convention

Alpena-	56
Alpena Evening	5
Beaverton	31
Boyne Valley	34
Central Lake	71
Charlevoix	65
Cheboygan	7
East Jordan	36
Elk Rapids	11
Glennie	14
Grayling	17
Hale	19
Harrisville	29
Hillman	18
Hubbard Lake	15
Houghton Lake	13
Indian River	14
Lewiston	17
Lewiston Lioness Lions	31
Lincoln	42
Mackinaw City	31
Mio	22
Oscoda	58
Petoskey	10
Roscommon/Higgins Lake	13
Rose City	14

Lions District 11-E2 Service Project

comdac@comdac.com

This is a reminder that we still need a few things so that we can make up 50 bags of tools for new Habitat homeowners. So far 8 clubs have participated. If your club could provide something for the bags, please sign up. If you prefer to send a check, I can purchase remaining items, but please don't wait until the last minute as I get very busy before the convention! My contact information is below. The service project will be Friday night at the convention (4/21), so be sure that you get your donated tools there on time.

CST Barb

From: Marie Leathers

Sent: Tuesday, February 21, 2023 11:28 AM

To: ComDaC

Subject: Lions District 11-E2 Service Project

Club Presidents and Secretaries,

The service project for the District Convention will be to assemble 50 homeowner tool bags with new basic tools that we will present to Habitat for Humanity at the Friday night mixer on April 21, 2023. Habitat for Humanity will give them to new homeowners through their homeowner program. Can your club donate any new tools for the Service Project?

To sign up click [HERE](#) which will take you to the form to see how many of each item is still needed and also be able to sign up.

Note: on some devices you might only see how many of each item is needed and not see the sign up form. If that happens you can access the sign up form directly [HERE](#).

If you have any problems using the form you can just email or call me and I will let you know what's still needed and get you signed up.

Consider contacting the owner or manager of your local hardware store to purchase your tools. Take the opportunity to tell them what Lions are all about, along with the details of the service project. They may make a donation or give you a discount, or they might even be the next Lion to join your club! If your club would prefer to make a monetary donation towards the purchase of tools please let me know and send a check payable to Lions District 11-E2 to Barb Durflinger, 14946 Royston Road, Hillman, MI 49746.

THANK YOU!

WE SERVE!

Marie Leathers

District

11-E2 Service Chair

231-350-0286

marie@centrallakerealty.com

Fellow Lions,

We hope you've been able to participate in the first two of a series of 5 informational sessions which highlight the value of our State Projects and their impact in our communities. Attached is the schedule for the final three sessions. Each of these presentations will be recorded and available soon on our state YouTube channel.

Registration for all presentations is at lionsofmi.com/projects.

Thank you for your support of our Lions State Projects!

Lion Wendy Burns

Wendy Burns, Executive Director

Lions Clubs of Michigan

5730 Executive Dr., Lansing, MI 48911

Direct Line 517.887.6640 ext. 103 Fax 517.887.6642

www.lionsofmi.com

State Projects Virtual Zoom Series

Live and interactive
Trivia, Q & A and Discussion
Prizes, Music and FUN!
For more info and to register go to
lionsofmi.com/projects or scan:



 <p>April 16, 2023 7:00 pm</p> <p><i>April is National</i> DONATE LIFE <i>Month</i></p>	 <p>April 30, 2023 7:00 pm</p> 	 <p>May 7, 2023 7:00 pm</p> 
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Recordings of these and previous presentations available at lionsofmi.com/projects

Memorial Service

comdac@comdac.com

At our district memorial service this year, we will be displaying pictures of our deceased Lions. Attached is a list of those reported this year. Please send the picture you would like to use to DG Rod (leathersrod@gmail.com). If you have deceased members who have not been reported yet, let me know. If anyone passes away prior to the convention, let me know that as well. Thanks for your help!

It would be great if there could be at least one member from each club that is honoring a deceased member there at the service on Sunday morning. If you need information, let me know.

CST Barb

Marie Leathers:

Instead of emailing photos to DG Rod, please upload photos to the shared drive:

https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/10ZA6fn_I4gXAGui_C4G-N6sUBAeSVXSf?usp=sharing

Or you can email photos to lionsdistrict11e2@gmail.com

Please change the name of the photo to be the Lion's name so I will know who they are.

Thank you,

Marie

District 11 E2 Deceased Members reported 04/2022 - 06/2022

ALPENA (004805) - LIONS CLUB

BERNARD R LAMP JR (1136924)
490 SUNSET BLVD
ALPENA, MI 49707
Joined: 01/01/1957
Dropped: 04/10/2022
Reason: Deceased

Total Deceased Members in ALPENA: 1

CENTRAL LAKE (004816) - LIONS CLUB

STANLEY ROBERT KIMMEL (3078532)
337 LANELL LANE
BELLAIRE, MI 49615
Joined: 09/24/2009
Dropped: 06/20/2022
Reason: Deceased

Total Deceased Members in CENTRAL LAKE: 1

CHARLEVOIX (004817) - LIONS CLUB

NICK KLING (1384149)
283 LAKE SHORE DR
CHARLEVOIX, MI 49720-8947
Joined: 12/01/1998
Dropped: 04/17/2022
Reason: Deceased

Total Deceased Members in CHARLEVOIX: 1

HALE (004831) - LIONS CLUB

CLAYTON BELLVILLE (206141)
3414 PINE STREET
HALE, MI 48739-9203
Joined: 04/01/1962
Dropped: 02/27/2022
Reason: Deceased

Total Deceased Members in HALE: 1

LEWISTON (004841) - LIONS CLUB

THEODORE J GEBOSKI JR. (356447)
5425 WOLF LAKE RD
LEWISTON, MI 49756 8110
Joined: 11/01/1991
Dropped: 04/06/2022
Reason: Deceased

MBR0010
3/7/2023

District 11 E2 Deceased Members reported 07/2022 - 03/2023

BOYNE VALLEY L C (004813) - LIONS CLUB

HARRY ALHBORN (1298101)
4241 LODGESTONE DR.
WATERFORD, MI 48329
Joined: 01/01/1956
Dropped: 01/30/2023
Reason: Deceased

Total Deceased Members in BOYNE VALLEY L C: 2

SUE PEPPER (5723679)
680 UNDINE RD
CHARLEVOIX, MI 49720
Joined: 10/27/2021
Dropped: 07/01/2022
Reason: Deceased

CHARLEVOIX (004817) - LIONS CLUB

JOHN H LIGNELL (1389529)
9335 OLD ORCHARD ROAD
CHARLEVOIX, MI 49720
Joined: 08/01/1963
Dropped: 11/18/2022
Reason: Deceased

Total Deceased Members in CHARLEVOIX: 1

ELK RAPIDS (004823) - LIONS CLUB

ROBERT L LOPER (104367)
8144 CARIN HIGHWAY
ELK RAPIDS, MI 49629 9773
Joined: 02/01/1977
Dropped: 11/03/2022
Reason: Deceased

Total Deceased Members in ELK RAPIDS: 1

LEWISTON (004841) - LIONS CLUB

ROGER COHOE (351080)
3371 N MARION ST
LEWISTON, MI 49756 8640
Joined: 09/01/2002
Dropped: 10/06/2022
Reason: Deceased

Total Deceased Members in LEWISTON: 1

LEWISTON LIONESS (075898) - LIONESS LIONS CLUB

MAGGIE JEANGUENAT (1816153)
3370 ALEXANDER
LEWISTON, MI 49756
Joined: 06/01/2003
Dropped: 12/10/2022
Reason: Deceased

ANNABEL (CORKY) ROBERTS (1816179)
P O BOX 243
LEWISTON, MI 49756
Joined: 06/01/2003
Dropped: 02/01/2023
Reason: Deceased

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3/7/2023

District 11 E2
Deceased Members reported
07/2022 - 03/2023

Total Deceased Members in LEWISTON LIONESS: 2

LONNIE CRAMPTON (367205)
1057 CRESCENT
HARRISVILLE, MI 48740 9555
Joined: 01/01/2003
Dropped: 12/05/2022
Reason: Deceased

Total Deceased Members in LINCOLN: 2

LINCOLN (004842) - LIONS CLUB

MICHAEL D PHINNEY (5149384)
99 DUNN TRAIL
HARRISVILLE, MI 48740
Joined: 05/22/2019
Dropped: 02/15/2023
Reason: Deceased

ROSE CITY (004858) - LIONS CLUB

RICHARD S DOWNING SR. (3521692)
1666 FAWN LAKE DR
WEST BRANCH, MI 48661
Joined: 02/13/2012
Dropped: 10/14/2022
Reason: Deceased

Total Deceased Members in ROSE CITY: 1

Total Deceased Members - 10

Peace Poster Contest 2023-2024

Jean Hill

Mar 30, 2023, 2:52 PM (5 days ago)

Clubs of District 11-E2: I am Jean Manning (Hillman Lions Club), your Peace Poster District Chair. Usually, I reach out to you in the fall for entries into the International Peace Poster Contest. However, as a suggestion from our Cabinet, I am reaching out to you earlier than I ever have before - now.

The 2023-2024 kits were ordered, and have been received. In addition, the Cabinet generously decided to furnish the paper for the posters as it is a specialty size (20 x 24). The paper was ordered (special thanks to Allegra Printing in Alpena) and has been received. **I WILL HAVE KITS AND PAPER AVAILABLE FOR YOU AT OUR CONVENTION (April 21-23 in Grayling). The theme this year is: "Dare to Dream".**

The completed posters are not due back to me until October, so if there is a student with a special talent who wishes to take his/her time in completing this assignment, he/she has many months to work on it.

The contest is open to students who will be 11,12, or 13 years of age by November 15, 2023.

Chalk, charcoal and pastel entries should be sealed with spray to prevent smearing - other art forms are fine such as crayon, paint, pencil.

Nothing may be glued, stapled or attached to the artwork. No letters or numbers may appear on the front side - only on the back (the artist's name, age and club)

Complete rules will be included within the kit.

I look forward to meeting all of you at the Convention as you request your kit!

Jean Manning

Jean Manning
989-808-4476

Lions of Michigan
District 11 E-2
Cabinet Meeting Minutes, March 11, 2023

Cabinet Members in Attendance- DG Rod Leathers, 1VDG Murch, CST Durflinger, GST/ZC Marie Leathers, ZC Dennis Gocha and via Zoom- IPDG Gaines and ZC Kane

Cabinet Members Absent – GLT Dave Zeller

Lions in Attendance –PDG Dennis Richardson, PDG Bob Gingerich, Jean Manning, Brian Graff, Linda Gocha, Shirley Hill and Brian Chace and via Zoom David Zimmer, PDG Bev Bodem, Linda Harris, Bill Chase, Di LaBeau, Diane Skop and Jim Broome

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 AM by DG Leathers. The invocation was offered by 1VDG Murch. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by ZC Denny Gocha.

Secretary's Report - Minutes of the 11/19/22 cabinet meeting were presented by CST Durflinger. It was moved by 1VDG Murch, supported by ZC Gocha that they be accepted as presented. Motion carried. There was no correspondence.

Treasurer's Report- The YTD 2022-23 financial reports were presented, showing a beginning balance in the admin account of \$38,625.41, income of \$15,647.20 and expenses of \$19,813.67, leaving an ending balance in the admin account of \$34,458.94 as of 3/8/23. This consists of \$33,037.83 in admin and \$1,421.11 in convention funds. The projects account showed a beginning balance of \$32,078.77, income of \$35,563.26, and expenses of \$31,773.07, leaving an ending balance of \$35,868.96 as of 3/8/23. It was moved by ZC Leathers, supported by 1VDG Murch that the reports be accepted as presented. Motion carried.

Old Business- Gahagan Nature Preserve support letter- We received a request to show support for the GNP visually impaired trail project to go with their grant request. There were several samples provided. CST Durflinger will draft something and send to the cabinet for approval.

New Business- Community Impact Grant Application- We have funds available from LCIF to do a community impact project. The information was sent out to all clubs, with only one response which came from the Hillman Lions Club for enhancements at the Hillman Band Shell. It was moved by IPDG Gaines, supported by 1VDG Murch that we approve the project, and allow the Hillman Club to submit it to LCIF. Motion carried.

Hoop House Donation- ZC Kane submitted a request from the Alpena area for a group that grows vegetables at the local community college and distributes them to local food pantries etc. to help buy seeds. The Alpena Club donated \$300 toward the request. It was moved by ZC Leathers, supported by ZC Gocha that we match the Alpena Club contribution. Motion carried.

Creation of Hunger Fund- CST Durflinger noted that it was time for us to review our district project funds and consider revamping them to better meet current needs. It was suggested that we add a hunger fund, and consolidate some of the various medical funds into one medical account. It was also felt that some of the funds should be reallocated within the funds. CST Durflinger will come up with a draft proposal for cabinet review. It will then be sent to the clubs, and will be voted on at the business meeting at the convention.

Bear Lake Camp Contribution- Clubs have received a request to provide additional funds over and above their normal contributions to replace the golf carts at Bear Lake Camp. It was moved by IPDG Gaines, supported by 1VDG Murch that the district donates \$500 for this project. Motion carried.

Support for state convention- DG Leathers reported that the state is soliciting support for the state convention. It was moved by ZC Gocha, supported by 1VDG Murch that we support it at the \$150 level. This will come from district admin funds.

GLT Report- GLT Zeller turned in a written report.

GMT Report- IPDG Gaines turned in a written report.

GST Report- In addition to her written report, GST Marie Leathers commented that only 3 clubs so far have supported the Habitat tool service project for the convention. CST Durflinger reported that in addition we received financial support to buy the tools from 2 clubs. If we are going to be able to provide the 50 bags we want to pack, we will need more participation from district clubs.

Zone Chair Reports- ZCs Gocha, Leathers and Kane turned in written reports. ZC Leathers added to her report that she has a goal of making the Gahagan Nature trail a zone project.

Committee Reports Written Reports were provided by: **All State Band-** Lion Les Jackson, **Bear Lake Camp-** PDG Zeller, **District Editor-** Lion Dave Zimmer, **Environmental-** PDG Bodem, **District Melvin Jones-** 1VDG Murch, **Elections-** Lion Bob LaBeau, **LCIF-** PDG Durflinger, **Leader Dog-** Lion Julie Haase, and **Project KidSight-** Lion Nate Slezak

Oral Reports- **Peace Poster-** Lion Jean Manning reported that the Peace Poster winner will be attending the convention luncheon where her prize will be presented. It was decided that we would order Peace Poster kits now and distribute them so clubs could get their local schools started at a time convenient to the local school. CST Durflinger will order 10 kits to start. If you want a kit for your local school, contact Lion Jean. We will also be purchasing paper to be distributed with the kits to ensure that the posters submitted are the correct size. **District Convention-** DG Leathers, PDG Gingerich and PDG Durflinger reported that planning is proceeding. We have about 60 people registered so far. The next free meal drawing is on 3/15. **Lions of Michigan Foundation-** PDG Durflinger reminded clubs to be sure that their Sight and Hearing raffle tickets get sent in with plenty of time to get to Lansing before the drawing. If you want to get them to either PDG Durflinger or DG Leathers, they can take them down to the MD-11 convention for you to be sure they get there on time. **Michigan Forum-** DG Rod reported that it was a great Forum. Only 4 people attended from our district. We need to work on getting better attendance next year, as it is a great opportunity to learn and to get to know Lions from other areas. The total attendance at the Forum this year was 201. **White Cane Scholarship-** PDG Bodem reported that the cut-off date for applications for the scholarship is 3/15. **MD-11 Convention-** PDG Gingerich reported that the MD-11 Convention will be in Muskegon this year from May 18-20. The picnic this year is on a naval vessel, so something unique.

Audience Comments- GST Leathers reported that on Sunday night there will be a Zoom presentation by the All State Band at 7 PM. Future presentations will be Leader Dog on 3/26, and Eversight on 4/16. This is a great opportunity to get to know more about our state projects.

VDG Comments- 1VDG Murch reported that he is working on filling positions for next year. If you are interested in helping at the district level, please contact him.

DG Comments- DG Leathers reported that the state is down 105 members right now, but we are at +6. He noted that the speaker at the MD-11 convention this year is IPIP Douglas Alexander, a very dynamic

speaker. There will be a parade at the MD-11 convention this year for the first time, so if you have something that would look good on the float, contact DG Rod. He reminded people to register for the district convention NOW. He informed us that there will be a gallon jug from each district at the MD-11 convention to collect funds for LCIF. He asked members to collect change to fill the jug. It will also be at the district convention to put your contributions in. The district collecting the most money will be given the chance to award a Melvin Jones Fellowship.

With no further business to conduct, the meeting was adjourned at 11:27. The next meeting will be at the district convention.

Respectfully submitted,
PDG Barb Durlinger, Cabinet Secretary/Treasurer

comdac@comdac.com

From: "jan kane" <jkane@rocketmail.com>
Date: Sunday, January 8, 2023 10:51 PM
To: <barb@comdac.com>
Attach: Initial Orders - January (1).pdf
Subject: potential district funding for hunger project

The Hoop House at Alpena Community College

There is a group of volunteers who grow produce in the hoop house on the college campus. All of this produce is donated to non-profit agencies in Alpena. Most of our produce goes to The Friendship Room; they often share it with other places that help feed our poor. Here is a short version of the history of the hoop house. The hoop house started life as a project of the Friends of the Farmers' Market in summer of 2013. It was erected by the maintenance crew of the college, with a little help from some of the Friends. Once it was put up, a few volunteers from the Friends planted crops to sell at the Market. Selling was not primarily the focus of the originator, Bob Plume, but the project ended up that way. About two years later most of the farmer-venders at the Market thought the produce from the hoop house was too much competition for them, so it was decided to grow produce and donate it to the Friendship Room. The main thrust of the HH is to provide quality produce to help feed the poor in our area. We purchase only organic seeds from the best suppliers. And any fertilizer, or pesticides are organic in nature. If we can buy anything we need from local retailers, they are our first source. All money that we use is donated by the volunteers or other private persons. It seems that the Friends group has no interest in this project at all, and it has been maintained by a group of volunteers, under the leadership of Henry Stibitz (whose wife Florence is an active Alpena Lion).

The group of volunteers is looking for funding to purchase seeds in January. The details are attached.

Just so you know: this past season volunteers gave enough money to revamp our watering system (about \$1200.00) and also create a seedling nursery (about \$900.00) We are serious about feeding the poor! None of us want any expressed gratitude or notoriety for this.

Thanks!
Betsy Hale



Lions Bear Lake Camp

Our Mission is to develop leadership skills, build confidence, and to provide a premier outdoor educational and recreational experiences year-round to all persons, regardless of ability.

February 13, 2023

Dear Lion Club President

About five weeks ago a letter was sent out about a special fund raiser for Lions Bear Lake Camp. It is located just north of Lapeer Mi. The mission of Lions Bear Lake Camp is to provide a premier educational outdoor recreational experience for children with special needs.

About 15 years ago the Romeo Lions donated three golf carts to the camp to transport the children from/to the cottages, dining building, lake areas, arts and craft building, etc. Those carts have now worn out and need to be replaced; This is where we need your help.

If every club in the state would find \$100.00 in the budget to give for the new carts., we would be able to pay the cost of the carts and shipping fees. That \$100.00 investment divided by 15 years amounts to just \$6.66 a year. Our campers or worth a lot more. Your donation will be much appreciated.

Checks payable to: Lions Bear Lake Camp

Mail to: PDG Rich Pfeiffer
70350 Henry Ross Dr.
Romeo, MI 48065

Thank you so much. Please contact me with any questions.

Leo Schaefer, P.D.G.
11A-2 2020-2021

Shae71par@hotmail.com (586) 843-3222

This \$100 is over and above your regular donation to the camp.



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Cabinet Meeting Report

March 11th 2023

Bear Lake Camp

Polar Plunge was a great success, with many Lions getting their feet wet.

Upcoming Fund Raisers

Buffalo and Boar Wild Game Dinner 4/8/2023

2nd Annual Baseball Game and Picnic 7/14/2023

Golf Classic Fundraiser 8/20/2023

Wine and Craft Beer Fundraiser 10/20/202

See the Bear Lake Web page for details on these events.

GLT

Many training opportunities will be available at the District Convention April 21st at the R in Grayling, Presidents Secretaries, and Treasurers should plan on attending.

No other reports

PDG Dave Zeller

Membership Report:

District membership currently stands at 692, three higher than membership at date one year ago.

I would still like to have assistance with membership. It would be particularly beneficial to have a member with social media expertise who could be helpful with targeted media publicity.

Bill Gaines
11E2 Membership Chair

11-E2 GST Report

Cabinet meeting 3-11--23

The service project at the district convention will be assembling tool bags with new basic homeowner tools to be distributed to Habitat for Humanity throughout our district. They will be able to give them to new homeowners through their program. Club presidents and secretaries should have received an email to sign up for their club to donate tools. You can also access the tool sign up form from the district website lionsdistrict11e2.org under the Conventions tab.

The service project for the State Convention is collecting socks. They are asking each district to bring 25 pairs of women's, 25 pairs of kid's and 25 pairs of men's socks to the state convention that will be donated to area agencies. If your club or any individual Lions would like to participate please bring your socks to our district convention. Once we have received enough socks to donate to the state convention we will donate any additional socks to our local agencies.

Of the 26 active clubs in our district, 11 clubs have reported one or more service activities during this fiscal year which started July 1, 2022. While it would be ideal that all service activities be reported in MyLion, it is our goal to have every club report at least one service activity. If your club is not listed below and they have done a service activity please let me know the details and I can help you get it reported. You can also fill out the attached reporting form and email it to me. The form can also be found on the district website lionsdistrict11e2.org under the MyLion Resources tab.

Oscoda	29
Indian River	23
East Jordan	13
Hillman	10
Boyne Valley	9
Central Lake	6
Lewiston Lioness	5
Grayling	4
Cheboygan	2
Houghton Lake	2
Roscommon Higgins Lake	1

Please have all your activities for the fiscal year reported by June 1, as they plan to transition to a new system, and all your reports will automatically transfer over. June activities will be able to be reported after the new system is in place.

Looking forward, if you would like to submit a service project for the Kindness Matters Service Award the project needs to meet the following criteria:

- Address needs within Lions Clubs International and Lions Clubs International Foundation causes: diabetes, environment, vision, childhood cancer, hunger, disaster relief, youth or humanitarian.
- Demonstrates creativity and innovation
- Achieves impact of scale and long-term sustainability
- Elevates the Lions brand

The service activity must also be reported in MyLion. Nomination forms will be available to submit between July 1 and October 31, 2023.

GST Marie Leathers

comdac@comdac.com

From: "Dennis Gocha" <dennygocha@gmail.com>
Date: Friday, March 3, 2023 2:22 PM
To: "ComDaC" <barb@comdac.com>
Subject: Zone Chair Report - Denny Gocha

Boyne Valley Lions -

They rang the bell for the Salvation Army
They sold pasties and raised close to \$3000
They visited the Litzenburger Place and
served a meal to them.

This is a very active club, gaining new members and meeting the needs of the community.

East Jordan Lions -

They had a live auction and raised
\$1275 for the renovation of Gar Park
that will have a Veterans statue made
by the high school welding class.
They sold Christmas trees and raised
\$1100. They decorated and sponsored
the lit-up Christmas Village. They recently paid
for 3 scholarships for a total of \$2250.
They recently turned in 360 pairs of used eyeglasses
They have inducted 4 new members.

Charlevoix Lions -

I tried to visit and the secretary forwarded my
email, but they didn't respond. I left their
directories and awards with Chip Hanson, another member of that
club to deliver to them.

Petoskey Lions -Attempted to visit twice, but it didn't work out due to
scheduling problems. They don't meet as often in the winter. I sent them their service awards.

Cheyboygan Lions - they haven't been meeting due to their president
being in the hospital for 3 weeks. Will attempt to visit later.

Mackinaw City - I sent them their service awards.

Zone 2 report - March 2023

There are two projects within our zone that I am working with the organizers on and will ask the clubs in our zone to take the lead on assisting and promoting, although all Lions will be welcome to join in.

The first one is a Trail for the Blind at the Gahagan Nature Preserve in Roscommon. At this time they are seeking funds from other sources, but we could provide Lions for the hands on work in making the trail according to their plans for accessibility. They will allow us to have a zone meeting at the preserve when the weather permits and they will give us a tour of the projected trails.

The second one is the Michigan Ski For Light who would like to partner with Lions Clubs in their annual cross country ski weekend for the visually and mobility impaired. More info to follow.

Marie Leathers
Zone Chair

Zone 3 report

I am in Florida for the winter and at least one of the clubs is inactive for the winter. The Alpena Club has donated \$300 to the HOOP project, which is a group of volunteers who grow organic vegetables and donate them to local hunger resources. It is my understanding that the District is considering a match.

I will be traveling by car during the cabinet meeting but I will try to join by zoom if my service allows.

ZC Jan Kane

comdac@comdac.com

From: "Steve Murch" <stevemurch49707@gmail.com>
Date: Saturday, March 4, 2023 1:58 PM
To: "ComDaC" <comdac@comdac.com>
Subject: Melvin Jones report

This year's recipient for the district Melvin Jones Award has been selected and will be presented at the district convention.

Steve Murch
1st Vice District Governor

Morning Barb,
As Nominations Chair, I report that I have received no letters of nomination from District clubs at this time.

Elections Chair Bob has nothing new to report since his January letter of election instructions to district club officers was sent to you. DG Leathers was to review the letter and relay to you for disbursement to district club officers.

Di LaBeau

All-State Band report

This is Les. I have sent out a letter, a flyer, and a poster to each school band director and Lions Club. I also gave one set to the director in Bellaire because we crossed paths. He said he hadn't heard anything about it. Here's hoping we get some interest.

District 11-E2 Newsletter Editor Report: March 11, 2023 Cabinet Meeting

Lion Barb:

Clubs sharing information since our last Cabinet Meeting are shown in the table below.

*Club newsletter submissions for January through March: **7 Clubs - 27%***

Name	Months Participated	Name	Months Participated
➤ Boyne Valley	3	➤ Lewiston	1
➤ Central Lake	2	➤ Oscoda	2
➤ East Jordan	2	➤ Petoskey	1
➤ Hillman	1	➤	

The 1st quarter of 2023 was sparse in submissions, which is normal as Winter is usually a time of slow-down compared to the other quarters. The usual clubs were still active, and there were several new members in these clubs, and in a few other clubs as well.

Only 27% of our District clubs shared their activities, which leaves 73% of clubs who failed to report their activities, or had no activities at all. Not every club has an event every month, nor is that expected to happen. But if there is something to share – new members, a Service activity, a milestone reached – let us know.

As I've said before, and will continue to repeat the message, sharing our club activities gives out information that may help another club, gives others ideas for their own club's activities, and it gives a participating club deserved publicity and respect. We know other things must be happening in our District., and we need to increase the participation of clubs to let everyone know the scale of what's going on in Northern Michigan. Along with needing more Kindness, we need more "Good for you!"

Again, any District Lions Leaders who want to share something inspiring or informing to submit letters/columns/notes/ or photos are welcome to do so.

Any suggestions for newsletter enhancement are also welcome.

Thanks to all for your support. Stay Safe and Serve on.

Lion David J. Zimmer

District 11-E2 Newsletter Editor

dlzim47@gmail.com

Central lake lions vision screening

At Central Lake Elementary on 3/7/23 we screened 103 students with 8 referrals. At Ellsworth Elementary because the Health Dept screened the odd grades we screened K, 2nd and 4th grades on 3/8/23. We screened 32 students with 3 referrals.

Nate Slezak, Co-Chair Kidsight

ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE - DISTRICT 11 E-2 REPORT for 3-11-23

This report is about Pollution and what is considered pollution. Have you thought of sound or noise as being pollution? There are many causes and/or effects of sound or noise pollution. Noise or sound pollution not only can have an effect on humans, but it can also affect animals and plants. We usually think of effects on humans when we think of noise and sound. However, progress in agriculture and clearing land of trees which provide a barrier to sound affects the wild animals.

If animals are forced to leave their original locations, it can have an impact on plants and trees. Insects and birds are prevented from delivering pollen to another plant or preventing dispersal of seeds.

Here is a very short list of what areas of our health can be effected by sound and noise pollution:

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|----------------------------|----------------------------------|
| 1. Sleeping issues | 6. Hearing problems |
| 2. Annoyance | 7. Communication issues |
| 3. Stress | 8. Effects on animals and plants |
| 4. Brain damages | 9. Tinnitus |
| 5. Psychological disorders | 10. Cardiovascular diseases |

Can you relate to any of these issues? I can relate to tinnitus. I believe mine is caused from driving in my car for thousands of miles for the last forty years. I don't have the space to give all of the causes of noise pollution or the effects and preventative solutions. In one of my searches, it was indicated that "the most common issue from noise pollution is heart attacks." There were many suggestions for "decreasing sound and noise pollution."

I printed 20 pages of "pollution" information for my research on this issue.

www.bing.com/search?=noise+sound+pollution

Beverly Bodem, Environmental Committee

District 11 E-2 Lions of Michigan

bodembd@charter.net 989-354-4656

LCIF Report

Below is an excerpt from the LCIF report on the response to the Earthquake in Turkey for your information. Thanks to our district clubs that contributed to assist those in dire need after the disaster.

Lions International Response to Earthquake in Turkey and Syria

The earthquake that struck Turkey and Syria devastated communities, homes and families. When a humanitarian crisis of this magnitude strikes, Lions and Lions International are among the first to respond. LCIF quickly awarded a US\$200,000 grant to the Lions in Turkey, who are providing 16 prefab container buildings to the Hatay Province in southeastern Turkey to create a Lions Village for earthquake survivors. As relief needs continue to emerge, additional grants may be awarded. Your donation to the Disaster Relief Fund can be the difference for families struggling to cope with disasters like this one.

We have \$3300 in funds available for a Community Impact Grant, but only received one application to use the funds. As we earn more each year, it would be nice if clubs would look around their communities for a project that would help with the quality of life in their area- upgrades of trails, playground equipment, park upgrades, etc.

Last year we ended the year with total contributions of \$19,134.75, a 53% increase over the previous year as clubs increased their donations to Campaign 100. We still have 5 clubs that never make a contribution to LCIF, which I find surprising with the amount of money that has come into our district recently between Covid relief, the Gaylord tornado and the Community Impact Grants. It would be wonderful if those clubs would consider at least a token contribution to OUR Foundation. So for this year our contributions total \$8,955 from 14 clubs. Our average giving over the past 4 years is \$13,120/year.

I recently sent out a list of where clubs stand with regards to awarding Melvin Jones Fellowships. I was surprised at how much some clubs have accumulated without selecting someone in their club for recognition. And remember that you can also award them to a deserving community member, or to someone who has been especially helpful to your club.

We currently have a special fundraiser going on for LCIF in the district. DG Rod has agreed to shave his head if we raise an additional \$10,000 this year, and the PID who is visiting our convention this year will shave his head if we raise \$20,000. You can make a contribution on Facebook, or can send a check made out to the district with a notation that it is for DG Rod's haircut. So far we have raised just over \$2,000, so we have a way to go. Please talk to your club about supporting this fundraiser.

If anyone would like me to do a presentation to their club on LCIF, just give me a call.




PDG Barb Durlinger
lionbarb@comdac.com


**Leader Dogs for the Blind Report
District 11-E2 Cabinet Meeting
March 11, 2023**

Activities / Events


- **Dinner in the Dark - March 10 Sold Out**
Fundraising event where participants eat a meal under blindfold and have an opportunity to learn about the awesome programs Leader Dogs offers.
- **Bark & Brew + 5K and 1 mile Fun Run - June 10, 2023**
A family event with claw brews, grilled fare, live music, a kids' zone with inflatables, games and more. Meet some future Leader Dogs, Leader Dogs in training and working Leader Dogs.
- **Youth O&M (New Program) - June 11-17, July 16-22, August 6-11**
O&M Training for 16 and 17 year olds and education for supporters (e.g., parents) to learn more about blindness, the skills their loved-ones use, and how to help in O&M goals
- **Summer Camp for Teens - June 25 - July 1
(Registration Deadline March 31)**
Free program for 16 and 17 year old teens to have fun while they develop friendships while learning leadership skills, orientation & mobility skills such as guide dog travel, and use of GPS.
- **Taking the Lead Podcasts (leaderdog.org)**
Bringing awareness to issues in the blindness community as well as getting information about the free services Leader Dogs provides to individuals who are blind or visually impaired.


If you have not made a donation to Leader Dogs, please send your check soon. You can go to the Lions tab on the Leaderdog.org website to see videos about Leader Dogs or take a virtual tour, check on donations by district and club, read about the different programs, and order supplies!






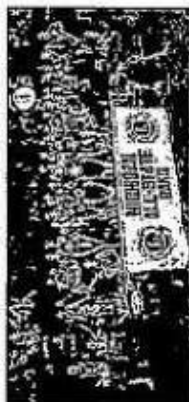
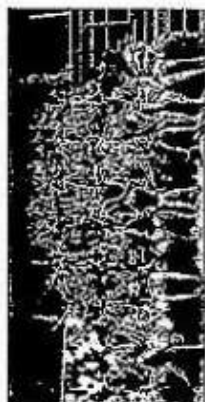

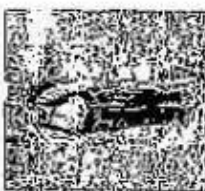



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BRIDGING THE GAP

BETWEEN

MICHIGAN STATE PROJECTS

AND

OUR COMMUNITIES IN NEED

MD 11 State Projects are pleased to announce an exciting collaborative to Bridge the Gap between our State Projects and our Communities in Need through a Virtual Zoom series. *The series will be informative, fun and interactive with prizes, music, trivia, breakout sessions and live Q&A with the presenters. Each session will highlight one project for an in depth look at how we can work together to serve our communities and increase our membership.*

Scan the QR code or go to lionsfmi.com/projects for more information and to register.

DISTRICT NEWS



Lions serve. It's that simple, and it has been since we first began in 1917. Our clubs are places where individuals join together to give their valuable time and effort to improving their communities, and the world.

Our Mission

To empower volunteers to serve their communities, meet humanitarian needs, encourage peace and promote international understanding through Lions clubs.

Lions District 11-E2 consists of 26 clubs in Alcona, Alpena, Antrim, Arenac, Charlevoix, Cheboygan, Crawford, Emmet, Gladwin, Iosco, Kalkaska, Montmorency, Ogemaw, Oscoda, Otsego, Presque Isle and Roscommon counties in the northern lower peninsula of Michigan.

If you would like to learn more please explore our website and also visit our Facebook page. If you would like to serve your community contact a Lion in your community today! You can use the Lions Club Locator to find a club in your area.

District Fund Adjustments

At the last cabinet meeting we discussed making some adjustments to the district project funds to reflect the additional priorities that Lions International has since these were first established, and to reallocate funds from underutilized funds to those we are using more, as well as creating a new hunger fund since many of the district clubs are now doing projects in their communities to assist the food insecure.

Attached is a spreadsheet with suggested changes, and reallocations of funds. It combines the medical funds, and creates a new hunger fund. I provided the actual expenditures from the last three years so you can see how the current funds are being utilized. This will be further discussed and voted on at the district business meeting at the convention on Saturday. It would be great if we could have representatives from every club there to provide input. If you will not have a representative at the business meeting, please send your comments on this to either your zone chairperson, to me, or to DG Rod.

Hope to see you all at the convention!

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04/04/2023

District 11 E-2 Projects Account										
<u>Current balances</u>										
	Diabetes & Medical Assistance	Childhood Cancer	Hearing & Speech	District Melvin Jones	State project Awards	Emergency Fund	PhotoScreener Sight Conservation	Special Needs Camp	Youth/ All State Band	Total
Current Balance	\$10,016.88	\$385.00	\$4,763.24	\$1,087.59	\$123.50	\$3,121.63	\$4,252.49	\$1,651.11	\$6,476.47	\$31,877.91
Expenditures: 22-23	\$1.80	\$-	\$282.46	\$1.80	\$1,101.79	\$1,998.96	\$188.52	\$1,101.79	\$1.79	\$4,678.91
Expenditures: 21-22	\$500.00	\$-	\$-	\$700.00	\$150.00	\$1,825.00	\$810.25	\$1,350.00	\$85.94	\$5,421.09
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3year average	\$681.27	\$-	\$428.48	\$1,568.27	\$751.59	\$1,655.65	\$416.98	\$1,131.60	\$29.21	\$6,663.06
<u>Proposal for realignment</u>										
	Combined			District	State project	Emergency	PhotoScreener Sight Conservation	Special	Youth/ All State	Total
Proposed funds	Medical	Hunger		Melvin Jones	Awards	Fund		Needs Camp	Band	
Current balance	\$15,165.12	\$-		\$1,087.59	\$123.50	\$3,121.63	\$4,252.49	\$1,651.11	\$6,476.47	\$31,877.91
proposed transfers	\$7,000.00	\$5,000.00				\$3,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$-
Ending balance	\$8,165.12	\$5,000.00		\$1,087.59	\$123.50	\$6,121.63	\$3,252.49	\$3,651.11	\$4,476.47	\$31,877.91
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Calendar of Events

APRIL 2023

April Fools Day — April 1, 2023

Easter — April 9, 2023

District Cabinet Meeting — April 21, 2023 — 4:00 pm — Free — Grayling Ramada

District Convention Friday Night Mixer — April 21, 2023 — 6:00 pm — FREE
Ramada Inn, Grayling, MI

Friday Night Mixer — service project, DG shave if we raise \$10,000 and PID shave if we raise \$20,000. Barbershop music, snacks, cash bar and FUN!

District Convention — April 22, 2023 — All Day — FREE except for meals — Ramada Inn, Grayling, MI — See Itinerary on Convention page

District Convention — FREE — Ramada Inn, Grayling, MI — Memorial Service and District Elections



PASSINGS REPORTED



NONE REPORTED

We honor those who have passed; with sympathies & condolences to family & friends

New Members Reported — December 2022

Beaverton Lions: ALLEN T GROVE — Joined: 03/06/2023 — Sponsor: JOHN ANDRIST

BRIAN L KEELEY — Joined: 03/06/2023 — Sponsor: ROBERT KILLIAN

Central Lake Lions: BRANDON R CORBIN — Joined: 03/09/2023 — Sponsor: RODNEY LEATHERS

East Jordan Lions: LINDSEY N BASSETT — Joined: 03/06/2023 — Sponsor: PAUL MICHAEL

SCOTT J KENDZIERSKI — Joined: 03/06/2023 — Sponsor: DENNIS GOCHA

Lewiston Lions: TERRY G BAUMER — Joined: 03/15/2023 — Sponsor: MARTY POHL

On the Mend Reported

NONE REPORTED

Boyne Valley Lions

MARCH 2023

Main Street has again asked the Lions to cook hot dogs and serve snacks and beverages for the participants of Buff Up Boyne on Saturday, April 29th. Lions agreed to cook hot dogs, serve beverages, and chips at the pavilion

Central Lake Lions

MARCH 2023

These are two new donations in addition to our usual State and Local donations. The Antrim County Sheriff's Dept donation will extend the safe driving program to schools throughout Antrim County.

\$2,700 Lions Donation to Antrim County Sheriff Dept for High School Driving Safety Program



The donation to Central Lake Public Schools will assist their school food pantry, expand STEM programs and the Social Emotional Learning program to assist students re-adapt after COVID restrictions.

\$11,500 Lions Donation to CLPS for STEM, SEL, Field Trips and the Trojan Food Pantry

East Jordan Lions

MARCH 2023

East Jordan Lions Bill Chase, Ron Warnos and Tim Streufert showed their Lionism by building a ramp for a couple needing it after he'd had a stroke.



East Jordan Lions welcomed new member Laura Czaja-Robinson. She is pictured with King Lion Bill Chase and her sponsor Denny Gocha.

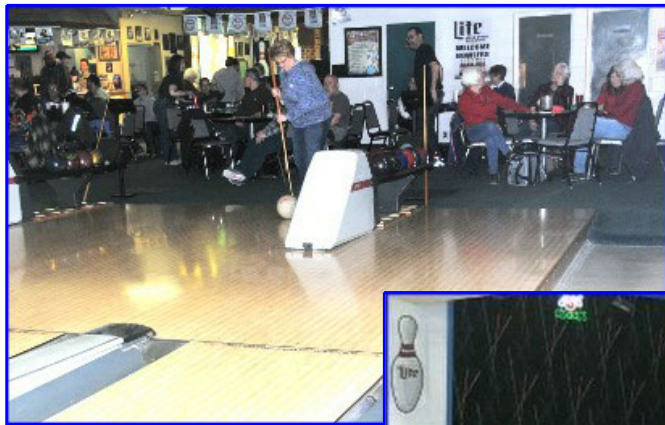
East Jordan Lions welcome new members Scott Kendzierski and Lindsey Bassett. We're so glad to have them! They are pictured with Lion Denny Gocha and King Lion Bill Chase. Denny is Scott's sponsor. Paul Michael (not pictured) is Lindsey's sponsor.



Oscoda Lions

MARCH 2023

Oscoda Lions held their 15th Annual Bowling tournament, we had 192 bowlers, prizes for everyone. Of course, everyone had a good time. Oscoda Lions would like to thank everyone we participated and help in this event. WE SERVE.



Petoskey Lions

MARCH 2023

After hearing a short talk by Kathy Petersen, Executive Director of Northmen Den Youth Pantries (NDYP), about student hunger in Emmet County, Lions decided to shift our annual student scholarship fund to aid the hungry children in our community, helping more needy individuals for our money. A check for \$500 was sent to the NDYP, and we plan to have more funds for them after our upcoming fundraisers.

CORONAVIRUS UPDATES – APRIL 01, 2023

*This is a snapshot of the World, Nation, and State of Michigan statistics on or near **APRIL 1, 2023**. Numbers may be different by the time you read this as the COVID-19 Variants continue to mutate and infect more, or less.*

(Info from [nytimes.com](https://www.nytimes.com), WHO, CDC & michigan.gov. & other health websites)

World Statistics	Cases: <u>761,402,282</u> ❖ Deaths: <u>6,887,000</u>
	Average 7-day New Cases: <u>556,902</u>
U. S. Statistics	Cases: <u>106,222,205</u> ❖ Deaths: <u>1,155,098</u>
	Average 7-day New Cases: <u>139,991</u>
Michigan Statistics	Cases: <u>3,084,114</u> ❖ Deaths: <u>42,456</u>
	Average 7-day New Cases: <u>N/A</u>

UPDATE: State of COVID-19 In 2023

Globally, nearly 4.1 million new cases and 28 000 deaths were reported in the last 28 days (13 February to 12 March 2023), a decrease of 40% and 57%, respectively, compared to the previous 28 days; however, there are significant regional differences including increases in some regions. As of 12 March 2023, over 760 million confirmed cases and over 6.8 million deaths have been reported globally.

Current trends in reported COVID-19 cases are underestimates of the true number of global infections and reinfections as shown by prevalence surveys.(1–4) This is partly due to the reductions in testing and delays in reporting in many countries. Data presented in this report may be incomplete and should, therefore, be interpreted with caution. Additionally, data from previous weeks are continuously being updated to incorporate retrospective changes in reported COVID-19 cases and deaths made by countries.

We present changes in epidemiological trends using a 28-day interval. This helps to account for delays in reporting, smooth out weekly fluctuations in case numbers, and provide a clear picture of where the pandemic is accelerating or decelerating. Disaggregated data are still accessible on the [WHO COVID-19 dashboard](#), where the full dataset is available for download.

SARS-CoV-2 variants of concern and Omicron subvariants under monitoring**Geographic spread and prevalence**

Globally, from 13 February to 13 March 2023 (28 days), 65,348 SARS-CoV-2 sequences were shared through GISAID. Among these, 64,324 sequences were of Omicron descendent lineages, accounting for over 98.4% of sequences reported globally.

The global variant landscape is characterized by a continuous increase in prevalence of the recombinant variant XBB and its descendent lineages. XBB is a recombinant of BA.2.10.1 and BA.2.75, first reported on 13 August 2022 and which has since spread to 115 countries. XBB was designated as an Omicron subvariant under monitoring due to its genetic constellation and initial evidence of high capacity to cause reinfection. XBB has subsequently diversified into 25 descendent lineages, three of which show continued growth advantage and an increase in prevalence, notably XBB.1.5, XBB.1.9 and XBB.1.9.1. The latter two share the same genetic constellation in the spike region and are expected to have similar phenotypic characteristics as XBB.1.5. WHO monitors all XBB descendent lineages and performs regular risk assessments.†

WHO has updated its tracking system and working definitions for variants of SARS-CoV-2 to better correspond to the current global variant landscape. Each Omicron sublineage will be independently evaluated and classified based on its phenotype. Therefore, from 15 March 2023, the [WHO variant tracking system](#) will consider the classification of each Omicron sublineage independently, and not automatically classify it as a VOC solely because it is a sublineage of the established VOC Omicron.

(Information from World Health Organization Website)

HUNGER HURTS: Children In Need In Paradise

Most of us Northern Michiganders consider ourselves lucky to be living in such a beautiful area, where lakes and forests draw tourists from other states as well as from southern Michigan. Emmet County is considered an affluent area, part of Michigan's 300-mile western "Gold Coast" shoreline paradise. In the summer, Emmet County triples in the number of people living here – people with money enough to have a summer home up here, and many fortunate to have massive fortunes; big players in business, celebrities, and sport icons.

Of course we all know that most Emmet County locals don't have that level of wealth. However, I was gobsmacked when I learned that almost half of the students attending schools in our county live in hunger. Kathy Petersen, Executive Director, Founder and Volunteer of Northmen Den Youth Pantries, talked to Petoskey Lions about Emmet's hunger problem. The following info is taken verbatim from a NDYP flyer and newsletter:

"It's hard to believe, having million-dollar vacation homes on the shores of Lake Michigan and area lakes, there is such HUNGER in our paradise. But there is! According to www.mischooldata.org, Emmet County's public schools have 2,036 middle and high school teens with 913 eligible for free or reduced-cost lunches determined by family income. That's 49% – as many as 1 out of 2 teens in Emmet County are dealing with HUNGER.

(MISCHOOOLDATA.org Search economically disadvantaged students for any K-12 school year public school district 2021-2022) School Year.

- 49% of Emmet County Youth Deal with HUNGER Daily
- Alanson - 1 out of 2 students — Harbor Springs - 1 out of 4 students
- Pellston - 1 of 2 students — Petoskey - 1 out of 3 students

On average a student receives \$13.00 worth of food in each bag for the weekend.

School-Based Youth Pantries At Emmet County Public Schools:

Petoskey Middle School, Northmen Den – Opened on November 18, 2016

Petoskey High School, Northmen Den – Opened in September, 2017

Char-Em Alternative School: Crooked Tree High School, Culinary Kitchen Youth Pantry – Opened in Feb. 2022

Alanson Middle and High School, Viking Vault – Opened in March 2022

Harbor Springs, MS Harbor Hut, Opened in September 2017

Lakeview Academy, Lakeview Locker, Opened in 2018

Concord Academy, Concord Corner, Opened in October, 2021

AIM Tutoring Pantry, Mitchell Mini-Mall, at NDYS after-school AIM Tutoring program in Petoskey

Pellston MS & HS Youth Pantry, Hornet Nest, Opened on May 6, 2022"

Petoskey Lions decided to support this needed hunger program, which is also a major Lions project. I have to wonder, how many other communities in our District have the same situation? A need to be fixed.

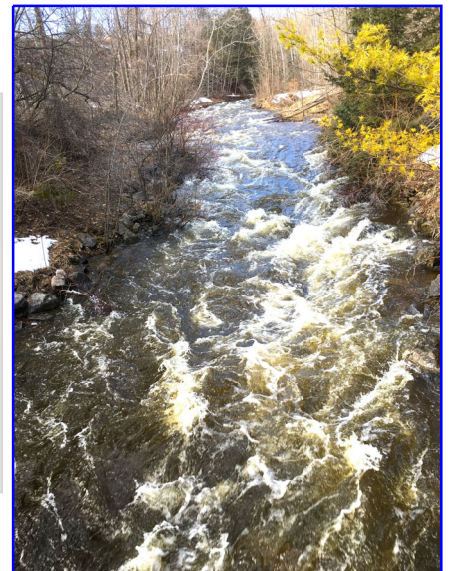
(Note: The data may have slightly changed since the flyer & newsletter statistics were compiled.)

PICTURES OF THE MONTH



Lightning bolts from a Spring storm strike a skyscraper in New York City on April 1– a beautiful, frightening picture.

Right: The snow melt and rains of Spring fill the mighty Bear River – water rushing down to the harbor in Petoskey, where it will merge into Little Traverse Bay, and then flow into Lake Michigan.



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Send your information to: dlzim47@gmail.com

NOTE: Submissions received after the 4th of the month will be printed in the next month issue

- Activities: Service Projects, Fundraising Events, Club Events – What You DO!
- Club Milestones: Awards, Club Officers, New Memberships, Passings – What Is Happening With Your Members!
- Photos of Service Activities, Fundraising Events, Awards, etc.

*** Photos:** Should be 300 pixels for good quality. Include names of individuals in photos, and/or describe what the photo is showing. **Text:** Include dates and names (if applicable) for all events submitted. Text will be edited as needed for space, spelling, corrections, etc.

This District is complex, with a variety of things going on throughout. We can learn much from each other, and I'd like to see more communication among Clubs for the growth and benefit of all.

DON'T BE LEFT OUT!!

Racism has no place in our world.

Our organization depends on the incredible diversity of our members around the world because great things can only be achieved when we are united.

#kindnessmatters

